

BEET SEED WANTED

FARMERS ARE TAKING AN INTEREST IN SUGAR MAKING.

In view of low prices for the staple crops, and of the prospective increase in sugar duties, there is a turning to an industry which promises relief—Department has already distributed seven tons of seed and still the demand is not satisfied—Thirty States and Territories are experimenting.

Washington, April 20.—The agricultural department is being imported from all parts of the country for sugar beet seed. In view of the unsatisfactory prices received for staple crops during the past few years and the prospective increase in the duty on sugar, farmers in all sections of the union evidently intend to experiment with beet sugar culture. Heretofore beet sugar growing has been confined almost exclusively to Nebraska, Kansas and California. The agricultural department has sent beet seeds this spring to about thirty states and territories. The demand comes from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, the Dakotas, Texas, New Mexico, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. There have also been requests from Pennsylvania and New York. A Nebraska sugar refining company donated five tons of beet seed to the department, and the department purchased two tons additional. If successful, the industry probably will be developed in many of the states in which experiments are made this year, supplanting corn and wheat.

QUESTION OF CITIZENSHIP

Matter is Held to be One of the Citizen's Own.

St. Louis, April 20.—The United States court of appeals, in the case of Attorney W. Rucker vs. Richard I. Bolles, which was appealed from the Colorado court, reversed the decision of the lower court, which was in favor of Bolles, for \$70,000, and granted a new trial. The plaintiff is a resident of Arapahoe county, Colorado, and the defendant lives in New York.

Judge Taft, in rendering the decision, said, in part:

"The court committed no error in permitting plaintiff to testify as to his citizenship. Citizenship is largely a matter of intention. When a citizen of a state has removed to another state, it is a very common practice to permit him to declare what his intentions are with respect to making the latter state his permanent place of abode. It is his intention to make the place to which he has removed his permanent place of domicile, which determines whether he has become a citizen of that state and definitely abandoned his former residence."

MINISTER WING TU FANG

With His Suite Travels Eastward in Royal Style.

San Francisco, April 20.—Minister Wing Tu Fang left last night for Washington. They travel in royal style. At Ogden they will go over the Union Pacific, the subsequent route being over the Chicago and Northwestern and Pennsylvania lines to Washington. From Chicago eastward they will travel in a special train over the Pennsylvania. Although Mr. Yeh, who has acted as the minister's major domo, left with the party, he will return to assume the post of consul general here. His selection is one which has greatly pleased the local Chinese colony and he has made friends with all factions and assisted materially in the settlement of differences. Several other members of the legation will return with him. Those who remain are Chang Fung, Cheng Li, Wang Yen, and Pock. They are destined for Peru and will not leave until after the arrival of the next Chinese steamer.

ARCHBISHOP RYAN'S JUBILEE

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of His Episcopal Consecration Observed.

Philadelphia, April 20.—The jubilee in the celebration of the silver anniversary of Archbishop Patrick J. Ryan began this morning and will continue with varied exercises until Friday evening next. Archbishop Ryan became titular bishop of the see of Tricomia, twenty-five years ago last Wednesday. His episcopal consecration took place in St. Louis in the church of St. John the Evangelist, of which he was then the rector. The anniversary at the event having occurred in holy week, the celebration was postponed until this week.

WEATHER RECORD BROKEN

New York's Coldest April 20 Marks a Temperature Record.

New York, April 20.—Today was a record-breaker in two respects, according to the official weather observer. It is the coldest April 20 on record and has the first day on record that we have had freezing temperature after the 15th of the month. The temperature was only 24 degrees above zero at 5 o'clock this morning, and it was only 25 degrees above zero at 8 o'clock, a drop of 22 degrees from the temperature at the same time yesterday. The present cold snap was caused by the rapid passing away of the big storm that was moving over the lake states yesterday. It will be slightly warmer, but the cool weather will be continued for a day or two. The wind blew thirty-seven miles an hour today.

THE CURSE

Of mankind—contagious blood poison—claimed as its victim Mr. Frank B. Martin, 326 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C., and the usual physician's treatment did him no the slightest good. His condition reached that deplorable stage which only this terrible disease can produce.

THE CURE

After all else failed, was at last found in S. S. S.—the greatest of all blood remedies. Eighteen bottles removed the disease permanently, and left his skin without a blemish.

S. S. S. is guaranteed pure vegetable and is the only known cure for this most terrible disease. Books free. Address, Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Ga.

NO LAW TO REACH THE CASE

Hypnotists Can Bury Their Subjects and Sheriff Can't Help It.

Simcoe, Ont., April 20.—Professor Ferris, hypnotist, placed a subject in a trance here yesterday afternoon and buried him six feet under ground, there to remain three days. Sheriff Jackson and a posse of officers appeared on the scene as the grave was filled in and ordered the professor to take the man out, or suffer arrest. The professor refused, stating that he was violating no law, and after consultation with the county attorney before the sheriff could take any action. The subject is supplied with air through a box. His face resembles that of a corpse, but is not the extreme pallor. There is a great deal of excitement over the case.

TENNESSEE'S EXPOSITION

Will Start Off More Nearly Ready to Start Than Most Shows.

Nashville, Tenn., April 20.—Work both night and day will be pushed at the Centennial Exposition grounds for the coming two weeks. At the principal building, except the government and the agriculture, are completed and exhibits are being placed. Hanging pictures, of which there are more than 1,000 to select from, is now in progress in the Pantheon, and if the weather permits, on the opening day the exposition will be more nearly completed than any one ever before held in this country. One hundred and seventy-eight Chinese, who will occupy the Chinese village, arrived today. The state exhibit of Georgia has been received and is ready to be put in place and the buildings are filling rapidly.

KINDERGARTENS IN SESSION

Distinguished Member of the Profession From Abroad Is Present.

St. Louis, April 20.—The second annual meeting of the International Kindergarten union opened this afternoon in the Auditorium of the high school. Among the prominent guests present is Baroness von Bulow of Dresden, Germany, who has taken up the educational work of her aunt, the late Baroness M. Marenholtz-Bulow, the founder of the modern kindergarten system. At the first session Mrs. M. Crouse of Chicago read a paper on the "Necessity of Intelligent Co-operation of Kindergarten and Home." Mrs. A. H. Putnam followed with a short address on "Freedom in Law and Home." Miss Alice E. Pitts read a paper on "Freedom and Law in the Kindergarten."

PHYTHANS IN INDIANAPOLIS

Supreme Assembly of the Uniformed Rank Hold a Session.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 20.—The supreme assembly of the uniformed rank, Knights of Pythias, met here today. It is composed of P. T. Colgrove, supreme chancellor, Hastings, Mich.; James Carahan, major general, of this city, and a long list of brigadier generals. In addition to these R. L. C. White, supreme knight, of records and seals, of Nashville; Lee L. Brand, chief-of-staff, of Chicago, and W. D. Kennedy, recorder of the supreme tribunal, of Chicago, are in attendance. The auditing committee went over the books of the major general and reported them to be correct. The expenses of the rank were \$20,000 and the membership shows a gain of 5,000 members. The body was in session all day.

MINE WORKERS OF INDIANA

Have a Wage Scale Matter to Pass Upon at Terre Haute.

Terre Haute, Ind., April 20.—The eighth annual convention of District 11, United Mine Workers of America, opened in this city this morning and will probably be in session four days. Nineteen delegates, a smaller number than usual, were present when State President Knight called the convention to order. The election of officers will probably be held on Thursday or Friday.

Following the regular business of the convention will be made to sign a scale with the operators of the southern and central part of the state, who will ask for a reduction from the present scale of 60 cents, which is more than being paid in other sections of the state. The operators and miners will hold a conference for that purpose on Thursday.

IN SESSION TILL THURSDAY

Federation of Labor Discusses Matters of Interest to Employers.

Washington, April 20.—The executive council of the Federation of Labor continued its session here today. The questions discussed were of general public interest, but related mainly to the policy to be pursued by the trades unions over employees when called upon to do work other than for which they were specially engaged. The council probably will continue in session until Thursday.

The following recommendation was adopted as an expression of the sentiment of the executive council upon the prevailing evil of "over-time."

"We advise strongly against the practice which now exists in some industries of working over-time beyond the established hours of labor, particularly in those times when so many unemployed are struggling for an opportunity to work. It is an incentive to the basest selfishness, a radical violation of union principles, and, whether on piece work or day work, it tends to set back the general movement for the eight-hour work day."

It was determined that a uniformity of dues should prevail in the organization, and that the traveling costs of the members of the federation should be accepted by the affiliated unions without entrance or initiation fees.

It was also determined to aid in the organization of national unions of paper makers, wire drawers, wood workers, tanners and several other industries, for which appropriations of money were made.

FIRE CHIEFS WILL MEET

National Association Date Set for August, at New Haven, Conn.

Kansas City, Mo., April 20.—The twenty-sixth annual convention of the National Fire Chiefs association will be held in New Haven, Conn., during the third week of August, next. The executive committee of the association, composed of chiefs of the fire departments of Salt Lake, Denver, Omaha, New Haven, Conn.; Dayton, Ohio; Wyoming, Ohio; and Rockford, Ill., met at a meeting here today agreed upon the time and place, and also decided to request the following chief to prepare papers on the subjects named:

Chief Sweeney, Chicago, "Fighting Fires in High Buildings;" Chief Dickerson, Cleveland, "Best Method of Handling Coal Oil Fires;" Chief McChesney, Baltimore, "Improvements in Automatic Sprinklers."

New York, April 20.—The annual meeting of the Mexican National Railroad railway company directors, held in this city, resulted in the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: W. G. Hall, president; Gabriel Norton, second vice president; Andrew Anderson, Jr., secretary.

SEEKING TO AVENGE

CHEROKEE BILL'S BROTHER DOES SOME SHOOTING.

Clarence Goldsby Greets His Rogers With a Fusillade as the Latter Steps Off a Train at Fort Gibson, For Shots Taking Effect—Rogers a Peaceable Man, While Goldsby Has Hitherto Been Regarded as a Harmless Fellow—Attempted Jail Break in Wyandotte County Jail—Crime and Catastrophe.

Fort Gibson, I. T., April 20.—The Rogers, the man who captured Crawford Goldsby, alias Cherokee Bill, came on the 10:30 train this forenoon, and had only alighted on the platform when he was shot by Clarence Goldsby, a brother of the desperado. Not less than 200 persons were on the depot platform when the shooting occurred.

The first ball took effect in Rogers' body. Then the people crowded away and Goldsby fired three shots from a six-shooter into Rogers' head. He then picked up Rogers' Winchester rifle and ran under the car to the other side. There about fifty shots were exchanged between him and the crowd, only one ball taking effect, it striking a colored man in the face and inflicting a painful but not fatal wound.

The Cherokee Freedmen's payment is going on here and not less than 5,000 people are camped here. Rogers was a Cherokee negro and has been considered a peaceful citizen. Clarence Goldsby, who did the shooting, is about 21 years old and has always been considered a peaceful, inoffensive boy. Excitement is pretty high, but no trouble has resulted.

ATTEMPTED JAIL-BREAK

Kansas City, April 20.—Burglar Frank Connors and Highwayman Ben Johnson, desperate convicts, seriously and perhaps fatally wounded Jailer Charles Fay at the Wyandotte county jail, at Kansas City, Kansas, this morning in attempting to make their escape. Both men were armed with revolvers. Fay managed to fling his keys through a window into the jail yard before the prisoners could secure them, and other officials came to the rescue. After being locked up, Johnson and Connors attempted to commit suicide, each taking a big dose of opium. They were found unconscious and groaning and it took two hours' hard work before the doctors could get them out of danger. It is believed that both will live. The men have strong charges pending against them and each is liable to a twenty-years penitentiary sentence.

COUNCILMEN TELL HER OWN

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 20.—Two elderly women were knocked down and robbed in their home in this city by three men, who escaped with jewelry valued at \$5,000. Mrs. Kroeger, a fortune teller on West Ninth street, had a call from three men who ostensibly wanted her professional services. While she was reading the future for one of the men another struck her on the back of the head with a revolver. They then bound and gagged her and removed diamond rings and other jewelry to the value named. An old woman, a relative, hearing the struggle, came into the room and she was beaten on the head and rendered unconscious. Florence Harris, a tenant, came down stairs, but was ordered, under penalty of death, to keep silent. Mrs. Kroeger and her relative are badly injured.

ALDRICH IS INDICTED.

Kansas City, April 20.—J. H. Aldrich, ex-cashier and paymaster of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis railroad and its branches, was today indicted by the grand jury on the charge of embezzlement. Aldrich was arrested over a week ago, admitted that he had used \$27,000 of the company's money entrusted to him, and was released on a heavy bond.

SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 20.—The board of pardons tonight recommended commutation of the death sentence imposed upon James R. Gentry, for the murder of Andrew Madge Torke, to imprisonment for life. Governor Hastings approved the recommendation. Gentry was to have been hanged next Thursday.

NO SUPPORT FOR IVORY.

Washington, April 20.—The United States government will not support the demand for indemnity upon the British government, of Edward Ivory, who was for some time in prison in London under suspicion of being connected with a dynamite plot and recently fled with a state department demand for an indemnity of about \$100,000. The proceedings to which Ivory was subjected, it has been found, were regular in every respect, and similar in every point to those that would be imposed in the case of any foreigner or native of the United States.

KELLY KILLED STICKNEY

Montreal Suspect Concludes to Tell All He Knows About It.

Boston, April 20.—A special to the Journal from Montreal, today, says that Joseph E. Kelly confessed today to the murder of Charles Stickney at Somerville, N. H. He admitted that he committed both the murder and robbery, and says he had no accomplice. He vehemently insisted, however, that he had no intention of killing the victim, but that he had to do it because the old gentleman recognized him. After telling Mr. Stickney with blows on the head, when the cashier showed signs of regaining consciousness he slashed him with a knife. When Kelly arose this morning he sent for Detective Cote and at once asked him if he did not think it would be better for him to tell all he knew. Then Kelly sent for Chief Carpenter and made a confession to him to the effect that he alone committed the murder and that he had killed the man for the money at St. Catharines, which is not far from St. Justine du Newton.

The chief then decided to go and find the money and started off with his partner and his companions for the early train.

In talking to Cote and some of the other detectives, Kelly told a great many strange incidents about his trip. Among other things he admitted that he had stolen the clothes with which he was disguised from an old woman whom he met at St. Justine du Newton.

At Aggie Stone's house he said he was out for a look. The woman suspected Kelly and telephoned for the police. When he left the house in charge of the officers, he said:

"Well, good by girls; the next time you hear of me it will be at the end of the rope," and he laughed and made a sign, which meant that he thought that he was going to be hanged.

Genius may be swift, but perseverance has the surest feet.—N. Y. Weekly.

JUDGE ONG GIVES IT UP

Weather Observers May Be Crazy, But They Are Not the Judges.

Cleveland, O., April 20.—Major W. B. Stockman, of the United States weather bureau, was sent to jail by Judge Ong this afternoon for contempt of court. Stockman had been called as a witness to tell the jury whether it rained on a certain day. He did not appear when called, and Judge Ong issued an attachment for him. The major was on the way to the court house when the deputy sheriff met him. Judge Ong lectured the major severely. Stockman upheld with dignity that he was busy with work of the United States government, and added that he held written orders from the department at Washington to attend upon court only when he had completed these official duties. Judge Ong replied warmly that he did not understand that government officials were so far above the courts that the courts had to wait until they had leisure. He therefore fined Stockman \$1 and costs and ordered him committed until paid. Stockman was exceedingly indignant and announced that he would report the case to the department at Washington.

Judge Ong told him to do so by all means. The major left the court room in a rage, without paying his fine. Judge Ong sent a deputy sheriff after him and ordered him taken to jail.

Major Stockman declared that government officials cannot be compelled to attend a civil court when busy, and that Judge Ong was a fool. He said that at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon Judge Ong held a consultation with District Attorney Dodge, and as a result of the interview the judge decided to remit the fine. Stockman was accordingly released.

WHEN TRAVELING

Whether on pleasure bent, or business, take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectively on the kidneys, liver and bowels, promoting force, headiness and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50 cent bottles by all leading druggists. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only.

OMAHA FUSIONISTS FAIL

Republican Mayor Elected by Two Hundred Over all.

Omaha, Neb., April 20.—Election here today was conducted under discouraging circumstances, a cold rain falling all day. The interest was light and the vote was remarkably small. Party lines were not drawn, but a semblance of politics was given the affair by the fusion of Democrats, Populists and free silver Republicans against the Republican nominees. Returns came very slowly and it was nearly midnight before anything definite could be said as to the result. At midnight it is apparent that Frank E. Morse, Republican, is elected over E. E. Howell, fusion, by less than 200.

At 12:30 his morning returns from all the precincts show Morse 6,222; Howell 6,417. The entire Republican city ticket is elected and seven out of nine councilmen.

PARTY LINES WERE LAX

In the Municipal Elections Held in the City.

Chicago, April 20.—Municipal elections were held throughout Illinois today. Reports received up to 11 o'clock tonight indicate that party lines were not sharply drawn. Streator, Centralia, Pontiac, Bloomington, Joliet, Decatur and Lamont, elected Republican mayors, and in Freeport, Kankakee, Litchfield, Jacksonville and Peoria, the Democratic mayoralty tickets were victorious. In the latter city John Werner was the successful candidate, winning by the narrow plurality of seventeen out of a total vote of 10,490. The Republicans will contest. In Rockford, the election was the hottest in the history of the city, the A. P. A. question being the issue. The present mayor was elected on the anti-A. P. A. ticket. Danville, where the A. P. A. was a test case, the Democrats carrying the balance of the ticket. In Cairo, the victor turned up in the civic federation candidate.

HAT TRIMMINGS CASE

Decided in the Government's Favor, Against Importers.

Philadelphia, April 20.—The famous hat trimmings case, which indirectly involved between \$200,000 and \$250,000, and which has been postponed from time to time for the past four years, was finally decided in favor of the government by a jury in the United States circuit court this afternoon. The suit was brought as a test case by Meyer & Dickinson, big importers of this city, who sought to recover from the United States government a difference of 20 per cent in customs duties. The firm's contention was that the importations in question consisted solely of hat trimmings, on which the duty under the McKinley act was only 20 per cent, but the federal officials in their argument maintained that the merchandise was used chiefly for dresses and dress trimmings, and that the duty of 50 per cent levied by the government was proper. Meyer & Dickinson were nominally the plaintiffs, but there were hundreds of big importers throughout the country who were interested in the case, and the big suit and who were instrumental in procuring the best obtainable counsel.

ROMNEY'S COURT MARTIAL

Trial Opened at Fort McPherson, the Defendant Pleads Not Guilty.

Atlanta, Ga., April 20.—The court martial to try Captain Henry Romney on charges of neglecting an unbecomingly officer and a gentleman, began its session at Fort McPherson this morning. Lieutenant Carbaugh, judge advocate, presiding. The charges recite that Captain Romney made false and scandalous and defamatory statements about the wife of First Lieutenant M. J. O'Brien, Fifth Infantry.

It is also alleged that Captain Romney struck First Lieutenant O'Brien without cause or provocation, on the open parade grounds, in the presence of officers of the army and others, immediately after the dismissal of dress parade, Wednesday, February 17, 1897.

ANTI-SLAVERY BILL PASSED.

Albany, N. Y., April 20.—The anti-slavery bill was passed by the senate today by a vote of 37 to 5, after an unsuccessful attempt had been made to hold it in many particulars. It now goes to the governor.

BILL FOR BIENNIAL ELECTIONS.

Des Moines, Ia., April 20.—The house today passed the bill governing cities under special charter. Elections in cities of 30,000 or more will be held biennially instead of annually.

YOUNGLOAN, G. O. APRIL 20.—THE

strike of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, commenced at Iron Works, was ended at noon today, the strikers finally deciding to accept the reduction of 10 per cent in wages.

SHUT UP FOR CRAZY

HARD LOOK OF AN ORIENTAL DIGITARY IN CALIFORNIA.

Because He Didn't Talk United States and Wear Trousers, and Told False Stories About Noah's Ark, John Joseph Nouri Suffered Grievously at the Hands of Insane Asylum Wardens and Was Robbed, to Boot—Now He Holds Down a Throne Job in the Electric East—Portland News.

San Francisco, April 20.—The strangeness of truth has often been commented upon as exceeding the most fanciful flights of fiction. An illustration of this is furnished in the career of John Joseph Nouri, who has been crowned patriarch at the Chaldean pontifical cathedral at Telicheur, Malabar, and is ruler over Syrian Chaldeans. Four years ago he was committed by Judge Walter H. Levy to the asylum for the insane at Napa, and there he remained until September, 1892, when, by the efforts of M. M. Foote, president of the California Association for the Protection of Persons, he was restored to liberty.

The Rev. Chalmers Easton, formerly a Presbyterian minister in this city, now of Washington, D. C., is credited with having learned the facts in a letter from the Rev. John H. Barrows of Chicago, who is at present traveling in India.

On June 21, 1892, there arrived in this city from India, a man who, by his dress, his manner and his speech, was easily recognized as an Oriental religious student. Not less remarkable than his appearance was the story he told. He claimed to have discovered the remains of Noah's Ark on the summit of Mount Ararat.

When released from the asylum Nouri claimed to have been robbed of four medals studded with diamonds, valued at \$2,500, the gift of the Chaldean Greek church, of a negotiable note for \$2,500, and of his credentials.

Dr. Chalmers Easton believed him and helped him in his journey eastward. Later on he displayed his knowledge of Greek, and in Washington, D. C., at the Smithsonian Institution, translated the hieroglyphs on some tablets there with surprising ease. Intent on making his journey around the world he traveled on to London, and from there came, in May, 1894, the story that he intended to sue the United States government for \$500,000 damages for ill treatment while on his journey here. Now comes the climax to the story in the letter from the Rev. John H. Barrows, declaring that John Joseph Nouri, the deposed king of the Chaldeans, has been restored, and that his claims have been recognized and that the man who was booked as "unkempt and with the black-luster eyes of a lunatic," is living in splendor in a palace in Telicheur.

BIKES IN AUSTRIA

Washington, April 20.—Victoria last year imported bicycles valued at \$175,000, according to United States Consul General Marzatti. The wheels sell at prices ranging from \$58 to \$145 and American bicycles are favorites. It is the practice of some dealers to sell wheels on time payment for the exact amount of the monthly suburban railway ticket so that they buy at the end of a certain time seems to obtain his bicycle free of cost. All of the leading American wheels are represented by agencies in Australia and there is complaint that the trade is overdone, receiving 35 per cent more bicycles in proportion to population than any other country.

AUSTRALIA GOLD YIELD.

Washington, April 20.—Australia this year reached the hundred million ounces line in her production of gold; that is she has already smelted 100,000,000 ounces of gold, and the yield of that precious metal is on the increase. Victoria has produced 71 per cent of this output. Consul General Marzatti, who submits the figures in this connection to the state department, shows that the yield last year was 2,375,948 ounces, an increase of 16,000 ounces over the production for 1895.

RECEIVED BY THE POPE.

Rome, April 20.—The pope received today in audience the Right Rev. Bishop C. Mack, bishop of Covington, Ky.

ROYAL COMINGS AND GOINGS.

Berlin, April 20.—Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, while on his way through Berlin to Ludwigslust, visited the emperor and empress and later had a conference with the minister for foreign affairs, Baron Marzatti von Bieberstein. Emperor William started for Vienna this morning.

PACIFICATION FIRST.

Havana, April 20.—Premier Canovés, according to the statements of several Havana newspapers, has said that the government considers it expedient to wait for confirmation of the news as to the pacification of Cuba before establishing the reforms from which the official press argues that the reforms into effect will not be remote.

DELAGOIA RAY, PROBABLY.

Cape Town, April 20.—The Cape squadron has left Port Natal for a destination not known here.

BATEGO EXPEDITION SAFE.

Rome, April 20.—The Italian Geographical society has received news of the safety of the Batego expedition, reported to have been destroyed by the Abyssinians.

GERMANY'S POSTAL MAN.

Berlin, April 20.—Herr Fritsch, department chief of posts, who, with Privy Councillor Neumann, will represent Germany at the international postal conference, left this city today for Washington.

BELIZE BOUNDARY.

Mexico City, April 20.—The senate today passed the resolution ratifying the treaty with England regarding the boundary between Mexico and the colony of Belize. The long unsettled question is now closed.

IRRIGATION CONCESSION.

Mexico City, April 20.—A concession has been granted to H. T. Richards of Los Angeles, Cal., for an irrigation project in the state of Sonora. Seven hundred thousand acres of land, equal to the best in southern California, will be converted into orchards and farming lands and sent to settlers.

TO IMPROVE PEARL HARBOR.

Washington, April 20.—Senator Morgan today offered an amendment to the war dry bill appropriating \$100,000 to complete the improvement of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

INTOLERABLE RACE.

Washington, April 20.—A subcommittee of the senate committee on Commerce and Navigation today examined Mr. Earl, a correspondent of several American newspapers, in regard to the condition of affairs in Cuba. Mr. Earl recently returned

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

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March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

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from the island, where he spent all his time with the Spanish forces in Havana and Pinar del Rio. He represented the condition of affairs to be intolerably bad.

WHAT WILL SHERMAN DO?

Onley Let the Duke of Tatten Tal Pretty Sassy to Him.

Washington, April 20.—Secretary Sherman sent to the senate today, in response to a resolution, the correspondence in the case of the two American sailors, Gustav Hildebrand of Boston and August Bolton, who asked of Spain \$10,000 each on account of their imprisonment for three weeks at Santiago de Cuba. The sailors claimed that they were shipwrecked on the coast of Cuba in February, 1894. No charges were preferred against them and after three weeks they were released, one having contracted rheumatism in prison, the other yellow fever. Their attorneys presented claims to the state department, and the case is still pending, although Spain has twice refused to pay indemnity. In presenting the case to the United States government for \$50,000 damages for ill treatment while on his journey here. Now comes the climax to the story in the letter from the Rev. John H. Barrows, declaring that John Joseph Nouri, the deposed king of the Chaldeans, has been restored, and that his claims have been recognized and that the man who was booked as "unkempt and with the black-luster eyes of a lunatic," is living in splendor in a palace in Telicheur.